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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 18-33 (CANCELLED).

34. (NEW) A water craft comprising a hull which divides into two parts in the aft section, from or near the central fore and aft axis of the craft, and beginning in the aft third of the length of the craft each part curving out in a convex curve toward the beam of the craft with the widest separation of hull parts at the stern of the craft on either side to form two sponsons joined by a roofed aft section with the inner and outer walls of the said sponsons meeting at or near the transom wherein the internal walls of the sponsons and the bottom of the sponsons form a sharp edge with an angle of conjunction being within 25 degrees of a right angle and in which the bottoms of the sponsons are substantially the same draft along their length and the bottoms of the sponsons are substantially flat.

35. (NEW) A water craft as recited in Claim 34, wherein the inner walls of the sponsons curve outward in a tightening convex curve such that the first two thirds of the length of the outwardly curving inner wall of the sponsons diverge from the starting point of the outward curve by 25 percent of the width of the craft measured from the starting point of the divergence of the inner walls from or near the central fore and aft axis of the craft to the maximum waterline width and with the inner walls of the sponsons diverging 70 percent of the distance from their starting point to the maximum waterline width in the aft third of the length of the sponsons measured from the point the inner walls of the sponsons begin to diverge to the transom.

36. (NEW) A water craft as in Claim 34, wherein there is a sharp angle within 25 degrees of a right angle at the convergence of the sides of the craft or outer walls of the sponsons and the bottom of the sponsons.